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PURPOSE

1.1 To establish responsibility for review and approval of research within the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

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2.1 The local Director of Mental Health is responsible for research conducted in the DMH.

2.2 All approved research shall have the intent of benefiting the County, its programs, and/or its residents from either a short or long term perspective.

2.3 Administrative approval, including commitment of DMH resources, is delegated to the Deputy Director(s) responsible for the facilities, resources and/or patients involved in the research.

2.4 The Deputy Director(s) giving administrative approval shall assure that ethical issues involved in the research have been adequately attended to and approved by the appropriate Human Subjects Committee.

    2.4.1 The Human Subjects Committee shall be the sole Human Subjects Committee for the DMH.

    2.4.2 The Human Subjects Committee shall also disseminate relevant information, guidelines, regulations, and laws.

PROCEDURE

3.1 The Human Subjects Committee:

    3.1.1 Shall keep minutes of its proceedings.

    3.1.2 Shall comply with guidelines disseminated by the Human Subjects Committee. At a minimum, the guidelines will comply with Federal, State and local laws and regulations and the guidelines of the National Institute of Mental Health.

    3.1.3 Shall approve or disapprove the research from the point of ethical considerations.

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3.1.4   May recommend administrative approval or disapproval.

3.1.5   May advise research investigators concerning improvements in methodology, statistics and/or procedures.

AUTHORITY

Title 9, Section 777